

THE SCRIBE



From Pastor Ken

July 2022

Summer Worship Schedule One Service – 9:00am

If you are on vacation sometime this summer and cannot worship, read from the Gospel of St. Luke listed below. Know that we'll all be hearing what Jesus is doing and saying to us all.

July				August			
3	The Harvest	Luke 10:1	Out	7	Real Treasure	Luke 12:32	In
10	Good Samaritan	Luke 10:25	In	14	Didi Panzo	Luke 12:49	Out
17	Mary & Martha	Luke 10:38	Out	21	Jesus Heals	Luke 13:10	In
24	Lord's Prayer	Luke 11:1	In	28	Trust Him	Luke 14:12	Out
31	Bigger Barns	Luke 12:13	Out		(Church picnic)		

Ukraine

As you hear so much about the war in Ukraine, know that BFLC supports a ministry that's making a real difference there. Spiritual Orphans Network (SON) has been working in former Soviet Union countries for 30 years connecting Christians from the US with those Eastern Bloc Christians who have remained faithful, even after years under communism.

Since February 24, these relationships have given SON "boots on the ground" to be able to identify ways to offer help in this desperate situation. Two vans have been purchased to transport refugees to jobs and doctors in Slovakia. The SON network fund is also providing food and supplies to people as well as computers for students who all continue their education while they adapt to a new language and culture.

Learn more about SON network by going online or by reading the SON newsletter in the narthex.

Men's BBQ

Men's BBQ will meet Friday, July 22. Please see page 2 for details.

Announcements



Fisher House

July is Birthday Month - Sunday, July 3rd

BFLC celebrates the birthday of our nation and the birthdays of BFLC members with birthday cakes. **We are asking you to give a gift-coin for every birthday you have celebrated.** The coins collected that day will be given to the Rocky Mountain Fisher House. A container for your coins will be on the table, so please don't put your birthday offering in the offering plate. This event is supported by the BFLC Social Ministry.

The Rocky Mountain Fisher House

Many veterans and active-duty military undergo extended medical treatment for several weeks or months, RMFH provides a place to stay at no cost to these families. The Rocky Mountain Fisher House has nine suites, with private bedrooms and baths. Families share a common kitchen, laundry facility, a warm dining room, and an inviting living room. The Rocky Mountain Fisher House ensures that there is never a lodging fee.

The house is operated by the Denver VA Medical Center and supported by the Rocky Mountain Fisher House Foundation. The VA is responsible for maintenance, operations, upkeep, and staff.

Guests are able to stay at the Rocky Mountain Fisher House as long as a veteran or active-duty service member is a patient at the hospital. Check out is expected at the time of the patient's discharge.

The foundation's mission is to support the Rocky Mountain Fisher House through awareness and fundraising campaigns. An executive director, as well as a Board of Directors oversee the foundation. Together the foundation, the house manager, and the VA determine how to best serve the house and those who stay there.

Unlike other military non-profits, Rocky Mountain Fisher House Foundation focuses its money on those staying in the house. The donations received help provide all the comforts of a real home including transportation to and from the VA hospital, cable TV, newspaper delivery, as well as snacks and bottled water. The Rocky Mountain Fisher House does not provide meals, but the foundation has set-up a 'meal train' app so that those who wish to volunteer and make a meal for the families staying at the house can easily do so.

The Rocky Mountain Fisher House Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit.

- **Office Closures.** The office closes at Noon on Fridays for the summer in July and August.
- **Bingo is back!!** Lisa will be leading the 3rd Annual Mid-week Bingo Break! Wednesday, July 13 @ 6:30p. Bring your favorite snack and test your luck while she calls out the numbers. *Sign up!*
- **Mom's Group.** Tuesday, July 19 @ 4:00p. The BFLC's Mom's Group has a faithful group of young mothers who meet once a month in the Fellowship Hall for bible studies, visits to the park and other fun activities. Contact Karina Isley.
- **Men's BBQ.** We will meet Friday, July 22 @ 6:00p at Colin Schmeisser's house. BYOB and bring a chair.



Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Day!

Saturday, July 16

16 years and older.

No construction experience necessary!

You can work all day, or just a morning shift (8:30a-12:30p), or the afternoon shift (12:30p-4:30p).

Free lunch will be provided for all workers at noon.

Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Contact Stan Beckner.



Announcements

- **Senior Social.** Please join us every 4th Wednesday of the month from 1:00p-4:00p to socialize, play dominoes, or do crafts. Individuals bring their own crafts to work on. Others use the opportunity to just sit and talk. Our July event is scheduled for Wednesday, July 27 @ 1:00p. Contact: Lavonne Hidy.
- **Men's Support Group.** Thursday, July 28 @ 6:30p. In our every changing and trying world men need to know that it is okay to struggle, to be challenged, and to ask for help. Mike Regennitter and Jacob Oglesby invite men that may be struggling or may just need an encouraging word to join them in a conversation to discover that they are not alone. There seem to be few safe spaces for men to be real and authentic with one another, this is one of those spaces. We will have conversation, and those willing can share their thoughts and stories. We will be given tools for how not to just survive, but to thrive. Come check it out, you won't regret it.
- **July Fun, Food and Live Music!** Join us for an evening of family fun, food, and music! Our church member, Bob Uzman, and the local Bluegrass and Gospel Group plan to play a jam session for us beginning at **4:00p on Saturday, July 30**. It will be in the outdoor sanctuary area, but feel free to bring a more comfortable lawn chair. Also, plan to bring a **potluck item** of salad, chips, or dessert. Hotdogs, buns, drinks, plates and cutlery will be provided. **Signup sheet on the bulletin board. See you there!**



Mark your calendars for August and September

- **Lemonade and Gingersnap Sunday!** The Social Ministry Committee will host its annual Lemonade and Gingersnap Sunday following outdoor worship on Sunday, August 14. This year we will send our free will donations to the "Tunnel 2Tower" Foundation. The gingersnaps are made by members of the Committee. The lemonade will be refreshing. Please join us after worship!
- **Outdoor Movie Night!** Let's experience an outdoor movie together at BFLC on Friday, August 19 @ 8:00p. Bring a blanket and a friend! Popcorn will be provided. Stay tuned for movie details
- **BFLC Annual Congregation Picnic.** Sunday, August 28. Stay tuned for further details!



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Women's Ministry

BFLC Women's Ministry will be hosting a Fall **Revive! Event** on Saturday, September 17 from 9:00a-3:00p. Along with interactive sessions and great speakers we'll provide music, food and plenty of time to get to know your neighbors from the community. All women over the age of 18 are welcome to join us! Breakfast and Lunch will be provided.

Reminders

Pop Tabs for Ronald MacDonald House

We collect the aluminum pop tabs from soda cans for Ronald MacDonald House. RMD House sells the tabs to purchase supplies for the home. There are drawers located under the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall, and one is designated for the tabs. Thank you for supporting this ministry, as they add up quickly.



Life Groups: We have new opportunities for people to join existing and new Life Groups. Get together with 8-12 fellow Christians, perhaps bring a friend, and prepare to make new friends or deepen relationships with existing ones. Once a month we pray, eat, and have a bible study. If you are considering joining a Life Group, please contact Lisa in the office.

Betela Seminary

The school year at Betela seminary was a success. The 14 students completed their studies successfully. They are pastors working in the 5 Synods in northern Madagascar. The junior classes will again carry out pastoral practice for 3 months, at their home synod. There are 32: 22 males and 10 females. On 05 October 2022 the new school year begins again. In this we will receive new students (new promotion).

-Blessings, Pastora Albert



Thrivent Financial Action Teams

After reading the following and you decide you would be willing to apply for an Action Team when an opportunity arises for a church activity, please let Vonda Dowdy know, as she is maintaining a list. The process to apply has been simplified immensely throughout the years. Vonda will send you the instructions if you need them.

Action Teams are member-led teams that come together as needed to conduct short-term local volunteer projects with others. They are designed to inspire new and exciting hands-on service, education and fundraising projects and activities that address unmet needs in your community. Action Teams offer a flexible, simple and quick way to take action. You decide the project; Thrivent provides the resources to make it a success.

Quick Facts:

- Only a **Thrivent Member** can complete the application; participants do not have to be members
- Two Action Teams per Thrivent Member
- Application has to be made 21 days prior, not more than 120 days
- If application approved, you receive a \$250 debit card and Tee-shirts for participants
- Activity must be completed within 90 days
- First activity must be completed before you can apply for your second activity

If you would like to take advantage of these Action Teams, but don't have a project in mind, please see the list of possibilities below

Possible Activities for Action Teams:

- ✓ Sweetheart Dinner
- ✓ Easter Baskets
- ✓ Quilters
- ✓ BF Cares
- ✓ Migrant Bags
- ✓ Youth Groups, including outside of church, such as sport teams, band groups, etc.
- ✓ What's Your Passion?

Yard Sale Results

Thank you to everyone who contributed and purchased items at the yard sale. It was a huge success - \$3,300! And that was during a spring snowstorm! One couple who recently moved here decorated their new home with many of the items displayed! What a thrill for both parties - over a \$200 sale! There wasn't a lot of traffic, but when people came, sales were good. During the slow times, it was so fun to just visit with each other and get better acquainted. The journey of a wheelbarrow is fun to tell. One of our volunteers posted our sale on her neighborhood site, along with pictures. A lady responded to a picture of a wheelbarrow - she wanted it. We put it aside, but as time went on, there was one reason or another she couldn't make it in the first day and then couldn't make the second day. One of our volunteers agreed to take it home, where it would be picked up at a later date. This wheelbarrow was in sad condition and much effort went into this sale of \$1.00! As stated, all funds are going toward a new, safer playground for the younger members of our congregation, which you will be hearing more about in the near future. Thank you to the volunteers who helped with this venture.



Thank you!

- ✝ From Sterling Thielmann: "Thank you so very much for the baptism gift and card. Mom and dad read to me a lot and were happy to have another book in my library. I'm so lucky to have such a wonderful congregation to grow up in!"
- ✝ From Friends of the North American Lutheran Seminary (NALS): "We wish to thank you for your continued support of theological education and pastoral formation taking place through the NALS".
- ✝ From Lutheran World Relief: "Thank you for your organization's recent gift of \$1,000 to LWR".
- ✝ From Habitat for Humanity: "Your generosity is transforming lives. Thank you for your recent gift of \$1,120."
- ✝ From Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation, Inc.: "On behalf of HCEF, we wish to extend our deepest gratitude for your donation of \$516 and \$117 to HCEF programs."
- ✝ From Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp: "Thank you for your continued support ad recent gift of \$117 to our annual fund."
- ✝ From Samaritan's Purse: "Thank you for your gift of \$1,250."

Thank you for all your support to help make 'VBS 2022' a success! We had 30 kids during the day and 10 at night from our church and community participate. With the help of junior counselors and adult volunteers the week went smoothly. Also, a special thanks to those who provided snacks for the campers, as well as meals and lodging for the RTLC counselors.



Baby Corner!



Joe & Mary Anne Ricci are happy to announce the birth of their grandson!
Congratulations Christopher & Lindsey Ricci on the new addition to their family!



Welcome "Leo Michael Ricci"
Born 6/5/22 - 6 lbs - 3 oz. - 18-3/4 inches long

Celebrate!



Chris Freeman	7/1	Duane Wagner	7/14	John & Suzana Lacomia	7/1
Jason Yonce	7/1	David Williams	7/14	Mike & Landra Decker	7/7
Andrea Syverson	7/2	Mary Montie	7/15	Jack & Sue Wetzel	7/7
Greg Wurster	7/2	Dennis Anderson	7/16	John & Donna Hartley	7/8
Tammy Klein	7/3	Sharon Cress	7/16	Dave & Rosie Williams	7/12
Nate Kiefer	7/5	Candice McNany	7/22	Joseph & Kelsey Mobley	7/17
John Gale	7/6	Noelle Decker	7/24	Scott & Ann Buttermore	7/19
Francesca Wahlborg	7/6	Bill Fitzpatrick	7/24	Eugene & Alexandra Cullen	7/22
Peyton Joiner	7/7	Christine Makowsky	7/25	Mike & Debbie Woods	7/23
Karen Pforr	7/7	Alexandra Cullen	7/26	Tom & Karen Jackson	7/24
Donna Wesley	7/7	Ashley Bush	7/27	Monty & Jackie Sappenfield	7/27
Jack Wetzel	7/10	Ivy Hite	7/29	Brian & Karina Isley	7/30
Karen Gourley	7/11	Benjamin Worrell	7/29		
Jo Dieckhoff	7/12	Jim Olson	7/30		
Joe Dowdy	7/12	Bart Denney	7/31		
Shari Draeger	7/12	Karen Jackson	7/31		
Joshua Kleine	7/12	Everett Learned	7/31		
Travis Olson	7/14				

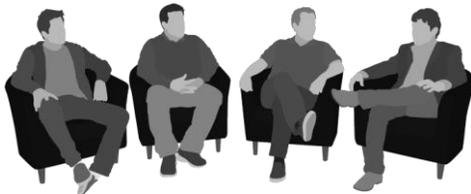
Hello all,

Throughout the month of June, we had the opportunity to not only enjoy the great summer weather but also to run some of our most favorite programs! Thank you to each and every volunteer who had helped make these events possible! I say this often, but it is worth repeating, you truly are appreciated. We could not do this without you!



For our big event in June that we always look forward to we had our VBS program from the 12th – 17th. If you had the chance to see this program in action you would see students of all ages having fun, singing songs, and learning an age-appropriate lesson about a different Bible topic every day. In the evenings we also had Night Camp which is where the middle and high school students have an opportunity to hang out, eat snacks, talk about their struggles, and hear the Gospel message. We look forward to this event every year and this year was no exception. Our Rainbow Trail staff were great as always, our BFLC helpers and volunteers were wonderful, the games were fun and exciting, and most importantly of all the students learned more about Jesus.

One of the new programs that we started this year we are calling “Summer Wiggle”. Typically, we suspend our younger Sunday School classes as well as our Wiggle Worship for the summer months. This year we have decided to continue to offer Wiggle Worship even in the summer months. We believe this is a great ministry for both parents and our young students and the Wiggle Worship director Amy Churchill, has done a fantastic job with this program. Thank you for all the teachers who have volunteered for this program. We are looking for a couple more volunteers to help us out with this in the later July dates. If you are interested, please contact either me or Amy Churchill. We look forward to seeing this program grow and continue to provide age-appropriate lessons to our young students.



On top of confirmation camp which Pastor Ken and I will be leading June 28th from 8-2 we are also offering a new program in the life of the church. This is our *Men's Support Group*. Mike Regennitter and I will continue to host this group which meets the fourth Thursday of every month. We typically go from 6:30-7:45p. This has been a time of reflection and processing as men come together to navigate the challenges of life together. If you're interested, you can come check us out or contact me or Mike for more information.

For His glory,
Jacob Oglesby



One thing we can do as a church body is pray for Zach and Cameron Regennitter weekly, as their duties and time spent at RTLK is hard work.

We trust that the Spirit will use them as they serve.

Please consider sending supportive letters and care packages as well.



July



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 7:00a Men's Bible Study
3 9:00a Outdoor Worship	4 	5 6:30p Finance Class	6	7 9:30a Staff Mtg.	8	9
10 9:00a Indoor Worship	11	12	13 6:30p Bingo Night 7:00 Cont. Worship Prac.	14 9:30a Staff Mtg. 6:30p Worship Committee Mtg.	15	16 7:00a Men's Bible Study 8:30a-12:30p and/or 12:30-4:00p Habitat for Humanity
17 9:00a Outside Worship	18	19 4:00p Mom's Group	20	21 9:30a Staff Mtg. 7:00p Council	22	23
24 9:00a Inside Worship	25	26	27 7:00 Cont. Worship Prac.	28 9:30a Staff Mtg. 6:30p Men's Support Group	29	30 4:00p Outdoor BBQ & Potluck @ BFLC Outside Sanctuary
31 9:00a Outside Worship						



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OUR MISSION

Black Forest Lutheran Church glorifies God through worship, prayer, education, and service as ambassadors of Christ.

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Director of Ministries – Lisa Regennitter
Administrative Assistant – Michelle Madison
Organist – Barbara Gurnett
Choir Director – Melanie Hohag
Handbell Choir Director – Bill Fitzpatrick
Keyboard – Landra Decker/Alexandra Cullen
Ministers – All Members

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Weekday Hours

9:00am-2:00pm Tuesday-Thursday
9:00am– 12:00pm Friday
Sunday Worship 9:00am

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